The Newsletter of the Yankee Air Force

What's happening in and about the-
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Hangar Happenin's

June 2005

HONORING THE WALL - THE FLAG - OUR FATHERS

JUNE 3-4-5 — **JUNE 14** — **JUNE 19**

THE WALL

Yankee Air Museum Hangar The clean up begins

Yankee Air Museum curator **Gayle Roberts** and her crew began combing through the rubble of the old Hangar site the beginning of May. Some items were recovered but the destruction was nearly total and a hard long winter also took a toll. It is expected that the site will be scraped clean by the end of May.

There will be no access during the Memorial Day Ceremonies or the Vietnam Wall event the weekend of June 3-5, but those who attend will have a chance to view the site from a distance and talk to some of the people involved in the recovery of various items.

Yankee recovery crew sort through and haul away items recovered from the debris field. A path was cleared in the middle for equipment access.

Right, the back stairs still standing

Photos Dave Steiner

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:30 AM
All Department Chairs & Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

3 June 1959 Graduation of first USAF Academy class

6 June 1944 Allied troops land in Normandy in the D-Day invasion of northern France

8 June 1995 Downed USAF F-16 pilot Capt. Scott O'Grady rescued in Bosnia after 6 days alone in hostile territory.

26 June 1948 Berlin Airlift begins in response to Russian blockade

29 June 1955 First B-52 enters operational service with USAF

30 June 1950 President Truman authorizes air strikes on North Korea

At our May membership meeting
the 50/50 raffle was won by
Al Hudson
Who donated his winnings to
ground equipment
Lew Major
won two tickets to the
Plymouth Historical Society event May 7th

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HAVE ANY NEWS FOR OUR JULY ISSUE ?
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TEXT AND PHOTOS
WELL BEFORE FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

The Hangar 2 Report

by ***Jon Stevens*** *L 4172 WR*

DAVE STONOSKI

In writing this column, I sometimes get kidded about doing a roll call, where the same people get their names thrown in time-and-again. Part of that is to let you as members know both what's going on, and who's doing it. Another part of it is one of my ways of saying *thanks!* to those who put their time and efforts into their jobs.

This time around, instead of 'just' dropping names, I want to talk about philosophies instead. And not just my own, but also those of several other people from around the organization.

I know there will be a few things said here that won't sit well with some members, and that's fine. I've never been one to maintain the status quo for the sake of doing so, and that includes my work with the museum.

In the process, I'd like to get some *constructive* discussion going. Because, frankly, we're at crossroads in many ways, and the time to make some decisions has come.

As most of you know, we've come a long way in our 24-year history. Originally started to find and fly a Ford-built B-24 bomber we've long since evolved into many things.

First and foremost, we've shown a lot of people and organizations what the power of volunteerism can do. As volunteers, the officers, directors, department heads, committee chairs and (most importantly!) the grunts and gophers on the floor, have invested time, effort and even out-of-pocket cash to get the work done, and move the organization ahead over time.

As a result of that volunteer spirit, we've become and created a lot of things. The first that comes to mind is that we're well-known and respected restorers and operators of vintage aircraft; this in a world where many operators have parked their airplanes for the last time.

And not only do we appear at other people's airshows, we also put on what many consider to be one the best events in country, *Thunder Over Michigan*.

In recent years, our other public events have become increasingly popular as well. Not having the old hangar to use as a base of operations makes putting on these events more challenging. Regardless, we *will* continue to make them happen.

Before last October's fire, we were also becoming an increasingly popular educational destination, for individuals, clubs and schools throughout the metro Detroit area.

In recent years, the second floor museum area of the old hangar had been through several renovations and exhibit changes. Hosting our first outside exhibit in 2003 made the museum that much more interesting to a lot of us.

And speaking of museums in general, having received non-profit, 501(c)(3) status along the way from the I.R.S. put us in the same basic league—despite the smaller scale—as *The Henry Ford* and *Detroit Institute of Art*.

So just what are we? The labels and descriptions I've heard over the years vary (both complimentary and not), but they boil down like this:

To some, we're a flying museum, while others describe us as a museum that flies (the point may seem minor, except that for proponents of both points of view, one word describes the other).

I've had some people tell me that we could write the book on volunteer involvement and achievement, while others have called us a bunch of rank amateurs.

Others over the years have pegged us as a private club, whose members either build 1:1 scale model airplanes, fly those airplanes, or get to support the first two (a couple of our newer members that I've spoken with recently have argued this point vehemently with me, but that's another story…).

Some will tell you we're the friendliest group of people they've ever met, while others have said to me that we don't welcome newcomers at all.

So again, just what are we? From my perspective as an almost 13-year member, and as President for the last three and a half years, I'd have to say that we either are, or have been, all of the above at one time or another.

Our membership (3611 was the last figure I saw) is the highest it's ever been, as is our annual budget (just over one and a third *million* dollars for this year).

Our core group of volunteers seems to grow every year, and the talents they bring with them expand as well. But at the same time, the workload always seems to out-pace that growth.

As I said at the beginning, we're at a crossroads in many ways, and we need to make some decisions, and hopefully, some changes at all levels.

Do we want to remain a virtually all-volunteer organization, or do we want to look at hiring more staff? One keeps us consistent with our past, but can we afford to limit ourselves to the amount of free time that a few of us are willing to donate on a regular basis?

Are we a flying museum, or a museum that flies? Neither can last forever, but (in my view) the former will get us to that future better than the latter.

And speaking of museums, do we want to ignore that role for ourselves (since we temporarily don't have a place to publicly exhibit artifacts, as some have argued), or do we want to work even harder for the day that we build the first new building on the east side of the airport?

These are points that need to be dealt with *now*. In late April, we held a joint press conference with the *Wayne County Airport Authority* and *Michigan Aerospace Foundation*, to publish those plans. We have a bright future ahead of us, but we need to be brave enough to fulfill them.

What are your thoughts? Just to be different this month, lets start this discussion on a pen-to-paper basis. Please feel free to drop me a note at: Yankee Air Museum, P. O. Box 590 Belleville, MI 48112-0590, or e-mail me at:

jon_stevens_77@worldnet.att.net.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, LET'S KEEP TALKING, AND KEEP 'EM FLYING!

BOARD REPORT

20 April 2005
by **Dave Steiner**
edited by **Dick Stewart**

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
State of Purpose
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: 16 March 2005
Lapeer Discussion
Board Vacancy
Consultants' Discussion: ANDY BRO & BEN KOZAK
Thunder Over Michigan 2006
Insurance for Board members
Contract Approval for *Golf War 2005*
President's Report
Divisional Liaison Reports
Vice President's Report
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Board Members' Comments
All Members' Comments
Adjournment

Lapeer Discussion

Corporate Counsel reported that all indications are that the business and separation from the Mid Michigan (Lapeer) division will be concluded by May 23rd. The Mid Michigan division of Yankee Air Museum will cease to exist, individuals that are Yankee members in good standing and wish to may become members of Willow Run Division. Board member **Andrew Robinson** who was part of the Mid Michigan group has resigned his board position. A replacement will be elected by the board at the May meeting to fill out his term through December 2005.

Consultant's discussion

Andy Bro, a consultant for many museums around the country and Ben Kozak, a designer who works with Andy and who has been involved in displays at numerous museums were loaned to us at no cost for the evening by **Dennis Norton** of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation. Yankee did pick up their room and board costs. These gentlemen have been involved in multiple aviation museum projects, including the EAA. They presented a compelling vision of what should be considered for the new Yankee Air Museum. Avoid stale placard presentations, and strive to make the visitor experience a dynamic, exciting and educational one that will make them want to return and tell their friends and neighbors to visit as well. It should be an engaging and even life changing experience and tell a story that is timeless.

They advised that we have a great deal of work to do before any significant brick and mortar work begins. To raise serious money you must have good plans in place to cover everything from concepts and marketing to capital requirements and site and architecture. There must be a good business and strategic plan that is professionally managed. Significant donors won't write a check unless they know what the money is to be used for. It was an excellent and thought and vision provoking presentation and certainly gave those in attendance an idea of what to aim for.

These gentlemen will continue to work with MAF and they will be made available to YAM also. It was a very interesting evening.

Thunder over Michigan 2006

The airport authority approached Yankee about putting on a major air show next summer including a military jet team, with full support from the airport. The support would include full security and allowing the air space to be closed. A number of warbirds would still be flown in for display, but this event would be more of a full blown air show than what we've had, or been allowed to have in the past. It is an opportunity to make a lot of money as most of the gate would go to the Yankee rebuilding fund. The board gave approval to proceed and work with the airport authority to see if such an event can actually be scheduled. **Dick Stewart, Mike Luther** and **Kevin Walsh** will all be working to get this project initiated.

Yankee Golf War

The board approved the signing of a contract with Pine View Golf Course for the Yankee Air Force GOLF WAR event Sept 7th. This contract actually costs Yankee nothing, but does hold the course for the event.

Treasurer's report

Les Klima reported $38K income and $45K expense for March for a loss of about $7K.

Florida Division

Yankee Florida liaison **Kevin Walsh** is now out of a job it appears. The members of the Florida division of Yankee Air Museum voted to separate from Yankee and start their own museum. They have about 100 members. Approximately 60 voted with 93% choosing to go it alone. They will form their own 501 c(3) non-profit corporation. They have our best wishes and there are certainly no hard feelings toward this group or the vote. Operating independently will allow them to have their own air shows etc. They have acquired some items for their museum which they will retain as the Willow Run division has no interest in those items. Financially they are a very strong group.

Board and officers election

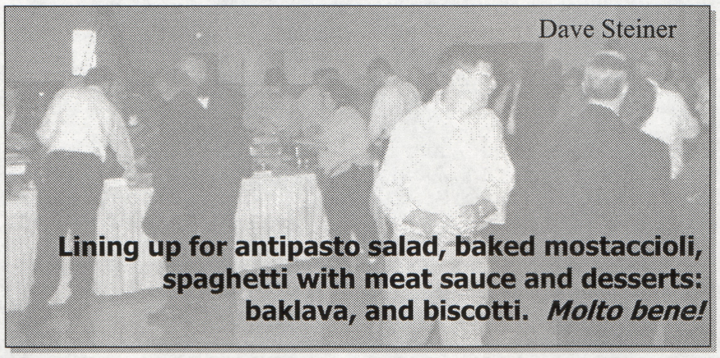
Self nomination forms for those wishing to run for Yankee elected positions this fall will be printed in the July HH. The forms are now available from election chair, **Al Scotford**; contact him via email at zekezzypt@netscape.net, or call the Yankee desk (734) 483-4030 and leave a message for Al to call you.

Spaghetti Dinner at the Italian Bistro Café fundraiser a huge success

Our April 9th spaghetti dinner fundraiser was attended by about 200 people and earned Yankee Air Museum approximately $4,000. The food was great and the bartenders (Yankee members all) donated their tips to the cause. The *Rhythm Society Orchestra* was absolutely outstanding with its program of 1930s and 1940s swing music and vocalists. The band alone was worth more than the price of admission. Sorry to those who missed the great music. Our Museum Store had hats and shirts for sale and did very well for the night. Thanks to all who helped out and especially to **Jane Spires** who initiated and organized the event. Let's do it again next year! *Ciao!*

Dave Steiner

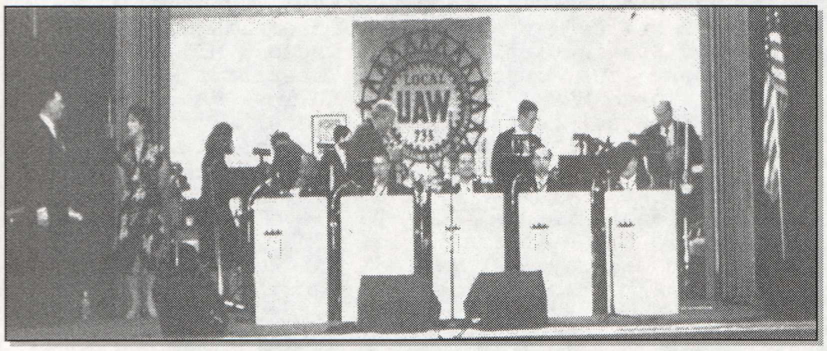
Our Yankee bartenders donated their tips. (ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT) **Pam Stergiou** **Amy Eberflus** **Lew Major, Jr.** **Lew Major III** Amy is the daughter of Lew, Jr. so it was a family affair.



Dave Steiner

Lining up for antipasto salad, baked mostacciolli, spaghetti with meat sauce and desserts: baklava, and biscotti. *Molto bene!*

Vocalists Eleanor Groth and Joel Zmuda stage right prepare for another set with the really great RSO below

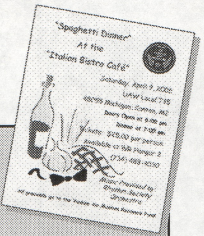


Pam Stergiou

To everyone who helped with tavola-sedia set-up, decorations, cooking, and clean up ... grazie!

Ken Aldridge
John Aldridge
Lew Major Jr.
Lew Major III
Char Major
Amy Eberflus
Keith Jones
Dave Steiner
Debbie Stewart
Dave Wright
Mike Cox
Michelle Allen
Mary Ann Bittner
Nancy Gillis
Dan Tomczak
Neoma Stratton
Dwight Koslowski
Gail Koslowski
Bette Watson
Pam Stergiou
Socratis Stergiou
Todd Wilber
Robert Campbell
Jane Spires
Bill Tonak
Mike Weiss

and UAW Local 735 for the venue!



Best Bands

We want to take this opportunity to express, once again, Yankee's sincere and heartfelt thanks to the two bands that have donated their time and considerable talents to help with our fundraisers.

The ***Couriers***, a 12-piece band, played at our very successful auction in February, and was the last band to play (September 2004) at the Hangar before the fire. Yankee was always one of their favorite gigs, and they will miss the venue. Contact them at (734) 483-8266.

The ***Rhythm Society Orchestra*** of 17 musicians, led by Gary Herzenstiel and featuring vocalists Eleanor Groth and Joel Zmuda, are nothing short of dynamite! Please visit their website: http://rhythmsociety.net. Contact Gary at gherzens@comcast.net or (586) 992-8787. If anyone you know is looking for a top-notch band to play swing music for an event, they will not go wrong with either of these two groups. Please give them a call. Thanks again!

2005 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

As of 13 May 2005
per **Todd Hackbarth**

B-17!			May 27-30	American Airpower Museum dsply-FLEX	Farmingdale,NY
	B-25!	C-47!	May 28	Trenton Mem Day Parade Flyby - 10:00	Trenton, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	**May 30**	YAF **Memorial Day** Open House	Willow Run, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	May 30	Dearborn Mem. Day Parade Flyby 10:00	Dearborn, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	May 30	Milford/Hartland Mem Day Flyby 11:30	Milford/Hartland,MI
B-17!			May 31-02	Mid Atlantic Air Museum dsply -FLEX	Reading, PA
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jun 03-05	WWII Commemorative Weekend -FLEX	Reading, PA
		C-47!	Jun 07	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jun 11-12	Airport Open House/Static dsp -FLEX	Indiana, PA
		C-47!	Jun 12	Ann Arbor Airport Open House	Ann Arbor, MI
		C-47?	Jun 14	YAF member trip-EAA AirVenture Museum	Oshkosh, WI
B-17!		C-47!	Jun 17-19	MAPS Aero Expo 2005 -FLEX	Akron, OH(AKR)
	B-25!		Jun 18	airport open house/static dspl-FLEX	Sidney, OH
	B-25!		Jun 19	Michigan Int'l Speedway Flyby-NASCAR	Brooklyn, MI
		C-47!	Jun 21	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
B-17!			Jun 24-26	EAA 582 Plane Fun Fly-In (1G0)-FLEX	Bowling Grn,OH
	B-25!		Jun 24-26	Airport Open House/Static dsp -FLEX	Jamestown, NY
		C-47?	Jun 25	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
		C-47?	Jun 26	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
B-17!	B-25!		Jly 01-03	Airport Open House/Static dsp -FLEX	Richmond, IN
B-17!	B-25!		Jly 04	Ypsi 4th of July Parade Flyby 11:00	Ypsilanti, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 08-10	U.S. Aviation Mus Airshow(LNN)-FLEX	Willoughby,OH
		C-47?	Jly 12	YAF member trip to Wings of Eagles	Elmira, NY
		C-47?	Jly 19	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jly 20-24	aircraft static display -FLEX	Charlevoix, MI
B-17!			Jly 22-25	Air Expo 2005 - Wings / North -FLEX	EdenPrairie,MN
		C-47!	Jly 24	Cranbrook Flyby - car show 11:30	BloomfldHls,MI
		C-47?	Jly 26	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
B-17!			Jly 28-31	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2005	Oshkosh, WI
		C-47?	Aug 02	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 06-07	"Thunder Over Michigan" Airshow-FLEX	Willow Run, MI
B-17!			Aug 07	Cranbrook / Pontiac Flybys 11:30	BloomfldHls,MI
B-17!			Aug 13	Wurtsmith Div Static Display -FLEX	Oscoda, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 14	Pontiac Airport Open House -FLEX	Waterford, MI
		C-47?	Aug 16-17	YAF member trip to NASM Museums	Dulles, VA
B-17!		C-47!	Aug 19-21	EAA Chapter 55 Static Display -FLEX	Mason, MI
		C-47?	Aug 23	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
B-17!			Aug 26-28	Indianapolis Airshow 2005 BA	Mt Comfort, IN
		C-47?	Aug 30	member trip to new Kalamazoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Sep 02-05	Cleveland National Airshow TB	Cleveland, OH
		C-47?	Sep 07	YAF member trip to Sault Ste Marie	Slt ste Marie,MI
B-17!			Sep 09-11	Airport Static display - (VNW)-FLEX	Van Wert, OH
		C-47!	Sep 13	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
B-17!			Sep 16-19	NJ Aviation Hall of Fame dsply-FLEX	Teterboro, NJ
		C-47?	Sep 20	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
	B-25?		Oct 08-09	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI
	B-25?		Oct 15-16	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI
	B-25?		Oct 22-23	Fall Color Tour Flights	Willow Run, MI

! Confirmed **?** Undetermined **FLEX** Flight Experiences **BA** US Navy *Blue Angels* **TB** US Air Force *Thunderbirds*

To participate as part of the crew at an airshow is a privilege, not an entitlement of Yankee Air Museum membership. There are only so many aircraft seats available depending on the number required for a crew. Crew members are chosen for the good of Yankee Air Museum and for the particular aircraft scheduled. Obviously, not everyone can go at the same time.

The ***2005 Airshow Crew Sign-Up Request*** forms are available in the Yankee office at Hangar 2. Completed request forms must be returned to **Dale Worcester**. Please do not request an airshow that has not yet been confirmed (**!** = confirmed, as indicated in the latest schedule above).

Dale Worcester
Airshow Aircrew Coordinator

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

6th Annual Fly-In/Drive In

Dick DeYoung Memorial Golf Tournament

AT SPRINGPORT HILLS GOLF CLUB
Harrisville, MI.

Saturday
June 11th
2005

- 4-Person - 18 Hole Scramble
- $75.00 per person
- 09:30 am Shotgun start
- May register day of outing
- Shuttle to & from Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport

Phone 989-362-5740

INCLUDES

- 18 holes with golf cart
- Green fees
- Door prizes
- Prizes for closest to the hole & hole-in-one

Phone 989-739-7555

LIGHT LUNCH

C'mon out and have a ball!

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Please Return Entry Form & Check To:

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
GOLF OUTING
P.O. BOX 664
OSCODA, MI 48750-0664

Phone 989-362-5740

Phone 989-739-7555
FAX 989-739-1974

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In Memory Of...

ALFRED SCHLOFF, SR.
passed away 25 October 2004.

WALTER SCHWARZHOFF
passed away 11 April 2005.

Mr. Schwarzhoff was chief pilot for the University of Michigan when they owned our DC-3 (C-47).

FORREST PITCHER
30 April 2005
Age 96

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YANKEE AIR FORCE

GOLF WAR

18 HOLE SCRAMBLE & FUND RAISER

Have fun and raise money for the

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

SEPT. 7TH WEDNESDAY
10 AM - SHOTGUN START

You needn't be a great golfer, just *Plane* crazy! Non-members encouraged and welcomed!

$50 entry fee per person covers 18 holes scramble (best ball) golf w/ cart (seniors 60+ only $45) **
Entry into door prize drawings and hole events

Lunch at the turn underwritten and YAF GOLF WAR 2005 balls provided by FEIGLEY BUICK
Enter by Aug 10th to be included in the B-17 Bomber Ride drawing that will be held as part of this event
**** [*entry fee increases to $60 & $55 after Aug 10*]**

Information:(734) 483-4030 or (734) 645-1150

Send your check to: YAF GOLF WAR, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Pine View Golf Course, Stony Creek Rd @ Textile, south of Ypsilanti, take I-94 to Huron St., exit 183 south, phone (734) 481-0500, formerly McEnnon Airfield! www.pineviewgc.com

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	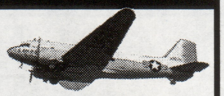

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ALL TRIPS ARE FOR MEMBERS ONLY - JOIN TODAY!

If you've never been to the National Air & Space Museum's *Udvar-Hazy Center* at Dulles Airport, it is quite the place and more exhibits are being opened every day. Anyone can fly there on a jet — only YAF members can arrive in style this August via AIR GOONEY!

Russ Banush has been to the Wings of Eagles Museum in New York and highly recommends that you sign up and join him for this first time Yankee excursion. Rides are available in some of their airplanes, including an AT-6. See the web site for more information.

One form per trip, please!
Complete, clip/copy and mail to:

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
C-47 DAY TRIP
P O BOX 590
BELLEVILLE MI 48112-0590

The popularity of trips to the *National Museum of the United States Air Force* has our USAF C-47 returning to Dayton eight times this year, including two weekend flights. They fill up fast, so get your reservation in soon!

At least **ten seats must be sold three weeks prior to a flight** or it will be cancelled.

Allow ten days when mailing a personal check with your reservation.

Price listed includes the cost of your flight and lodging, not museum entrance, food, or ground transportation.

Yankee Air Museum reserves the right to cancel any excursion at any time and refund participants the full amount paid. Refunds will not be granted except for trips cancelled by Yankee Air Museum.

Call **Neoma** & **Jack (313) 274-8655** or **(313) 282-5312** (11AM-6PM). E-mail **strattonmich@msn.com**.

SOLD OUT	June	7	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	**SOLD OUT**
Tuesday	June	14	Oshkosh WI	EAA AirVenture Museum	$180
SOLD OUT	June	21	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	**SOLD OUT**
Saturday	June	25	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Sunday	June	26	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Tuesday	July	12	Elmira NY	Wings of Eagles Museum	$220
Tuesday	July	19	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Tuesday	July	26	Mackinac Island MI	*You can take your golf clubs or your bike!*	$165
Tuesday	August	2	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Tues/Wed *OVERNIGHT*	August	16-17	Washington DC	Udvar-Hazy Center + National Air & Space Museum	$500
Tuesday	August	23	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110
Tuesday **NEW**	August	30	Kalamazoo MI	Kalamazoo Air Zoo (replaces Tri-State Warbird Museum trip)	$ 75
Wednesday **NEW**	Sept	7	Sault Ste. Marie MI	Soo Locks	$195
SOLD OUT	Sept	13	Mackinac Island MI	*Take your camera to catch the fall colors!*	**SOLD OUT**
Tuesday	Sept	20	Dayton OH	NMUSAF	$110

For more information about our destinations, check their websites!

EAA www.eaa.org **Dayton** www.wpafb.af.mil/museum **Elmira** www.warplane.org
Mackinac Island www.mackinacisland.org **Dulles/DC** www.nasm.si.edu/museum/udvarhazy
Air Zoo www.airzoo.org **Soo Locks** www.exploringthenorth.com/soo/locks
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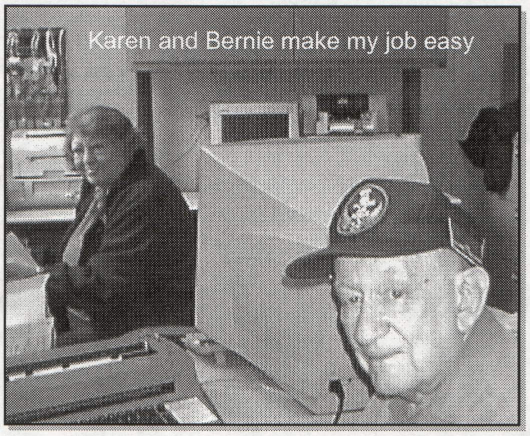
MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT REPORT BY KIM WAHTERA


Karen and Bernie make my job easy

While very involved with all members, and virtually every aspect of Yankee Air Museum in some manner, the "backroom" operation of Membership is one of the most necessary, yet most low-key, of all the departments we have. Prior to the fire we were fairly well hidden in a small room near the NE corner of the old hangar, and also functioned as "candy central" to sweets-loving volunteers. Since the fire we have increased our visibility with the move to Hangar 2, sharing a larger, centrally located room with the Computer Technology Group, and we welcome your stopping by. However, since most members do not regularly frequent the premises, allow me to introduce the Membership Team.

At the heart of our operation are **Bernie Hallman** and **Karen Ellickson**. Both joined YAM in 1982, and Bernie has worked in Membership since that time, with Karen being a regular since 1995. They are a Team Extraordinaire, knowing everything from policies and procedures and the flow of paperwork required, to recognizing a great number of the members by name and informational detail. Applications, renewals and checks come in to Bernie, where recording is done, member numbers assigned, badges ordered and cards prepared for the member. Recording of the information is also done in our membership database by Karen for updating and cross verification at end of month and then filed. Karen also runs the processing, including all reporting, new member letters, renewal letters and reminders, plus associated mailing labels. In our summer months this effort intensifies, as FLEX Rides increase, as do annual renewals from prior year FLEX Rides. This means that Karen and Bernie's volunteerism often increases from a 3-day week (T/Th/Sat) to a 5-6 day work week.

Getting our material stuffed in envelopes and ready for mailing is **Howard Weber**, a WWII veteran and YAM member since 1992. While Howard is a weekend warrior, he also makes himself available based upon the upcoming mailing schedule and for working the Membership Table at special events. As Membership Chair, I (**Kim Wahtera)** assist when/where needed, attend the meetings and represent us at most functions that provide recruiting opportunities.

While many others have helped through the years, I have only been with Membership since 1/2004, so would be remiss if I tried to mention all who have assisted. Special thanks, though, to **Karen Bomar** for her efforts in 2004, **Erwin Sternweiss** for his assistance with our Library Database and **Bill Colwell & Tim Nickell** for their on-going technical support. And thanks also to you, the entire membership, for helping us verify and re-create information, along with sending in new payments to replace checks and credit card statements that burned.

While I've provided a brief thumbnail sketch of what we do, perhaps a quick overview of the major activities would help:

- Process new member applications, getting information, badges and cards out, while getting all the information recorded and into our database
- Track member renewals, getting reminders out and returns processed
- Develop letters, materials and reports in support of changing Membership and YAM needs and requirements
- Run reports in support of Management and the Treasurer
- Run a Benefactor Program, as authorized by the Board
- Develop packets for recruiting at multiple functions, including excursions, FLEX Rides and other public interface opportunities
- Support special events and fundraisers with a Membership Information Table or Tent to promote awareness and attract new members
- Convene a Membership Committee to address issues brought before us

Right now Membership **needs** volunteers, particularly to help us staff the special events and fundraisers, which are becoming more numerous. If you would be interested in lending some time to this crucial effort, please call me at **734-454-3592** or send an e-mail to kimwahtera@kw.com . Other jobs are also vital, especially having personnel who are interested in learning the operation to backup and/or spell Bernie and Karen. So stop by, tell the folks you appreciate their efforts, and have some candy. Thanks to Bernie, his wife Marlynn and Howard, there's always something sweet in Membership!

Kim and grandson Cameron in front of "Kim's" A-6

Kim Wahtera AAHS speaker June 11th at H-2

The American Aviation Historical Society will meet Saturday evening, 7:00 pm June 11th at Hangar 2 and feature

Yankee's **Kim Wahtera**, a USMC EA-6A ECM aviator. Kim flew the actual Intruder nose section that is now in the Yankee Air Park. It was used for ground and cockpit scenes in the movie "*Flight of the Intruder*". All are welcome to see his 100+ slides and hear the stories about the flight of his Intruder over Vietnam.

Talk to Kim in front of his plane during the Vietnam Wall weekend too!

Next Month:
Hanging out at Hangar Happenin's

Dave Steiner

WWII Aviation Symposium

Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe	USAF (Ret)	B-24 Liberator pilot USAAF 15th Air Force 465th Bomb Group 782nd Bomb Squadron 19 combat missions crash landed on the island of Vis, Yugoslavia
Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson	USAF (Ret)	P-51 Mustang pilot USAAF 15th Air Force 332nd Fighter Group "Tuskegee Airmen" 18.5 combat missions shot down 12 Aug 1943 France became POW
1st Lt. Robert J. Shoens	USAAF	B-17 Flying Fortress Pilot USAAF 8th Air Force 100th Bomb Group 351st Bomb Squadron 28 combat missions B-17G 42-31767 "EP E" "Our Gal Sal"
1st Lt. John A. Clark	USAAF	B-17 Flying Fortress Copilot USAAF 8th Air Force 100th Bomb Group 418th Bomb Squadron 32 combat missions

The symposium will be held in the ***MARLIN AIR*** hangar on the east side of Willow Run Airport. The ***Marlin*** hangar is approximately 1000 ft directly south of the old Hangar, but there will be not access from the ramp. To get to the symposium it will be necessary to exit the ramp, go south on Third St or along the line of buildings and enter Marlin Air from the east side. Due to the size of the facility, we are limited to 400 guests, designated seating, first sold, first seated. The earlier tickets are purchased, the closer to the stage you will sit! *Special sponsor tables also available.*

Saturday evening August 6th 5:30pm.

Your ticket also admits you to the air display BOTH days

Send checks or money orders only to

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
Attn: Mike Luther
PO Box 590
Belleville MI 48112-0590

At press time May 14
only 200 tickets available

Checks payable to
Yankee Air Museum/Symposium
$65 per person in advance
Please include a stamped envelope addressed for speedy return to you

Name ______________________ street address ______________________

City __________ state __________ zip __________

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Number of tickets Total enclosed

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YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Thunder Over Michigan 2005

⇨ **Volunteer Round-Up at Hangar 2 on Saturday, June 25th at 1 PM**

Thunder Over Michigan 2005
WORLD'S LARGEST GATHERING OF WWII HEAVY BOMBERS
HONORING THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA'S VICTORY IN WWII
Saturday August 6
Sunday August 7
"FIFI"
FEATURING:
Seven B-17 Flying Forts
Two B-24 Liberators
B-29 Superfortress
Five B-25 Mitchells
Ju 52
Grumman Duck
C-47 Skytrain
Four P-51 Mustangs
Four P-47 Thunderbolts
FJ-4B Fury
and many, many more
LOCATION:
Willow Run Airport
Belleville, Michigan
For the latest information and complete aircraft listing, see our website:
WWW.YANKEEAIRMUSEUM.ORG
or call (734) 483-4030
Fleet Admiral NIMITZ

Thirty one new members welcomed in April

Saginaw
David Edkins
Barbara J. Hatfield

Willow Run
Christopher Bittell
Rosalee Bleecker
Edgar E. Cunningham
Michael Evanger
Miriam R. Fabien
Craig Flora
Paul Flora
Fred Hanson
Neal Hepner
Michael Hudson
David Johnson
Daniel J. Katiba
Phillip Kennedy
David A. Lakin
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Daniel Layton
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James Race
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Shelby Waller
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David Wojczynski
Stephanie Wojczynski

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN 2005

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE

WWW.STARTICKETSPLUS.COM

OR BY CALLING

(800) 585-3737

On line and phone sales available through July 30, tickets will be mailed

OR IN PERSON AT

SELECT MICHIGAN MEIJER STORES

Available through August 5th

Tickets are collected at the gate and are good for one day only (your choice)

Advance		Gate
$ 8	7-15 years	$10
$12	Adult	$15
	(six and under free)	

NO ADVANCE AIR DISPLAY TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THROUGH YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

SYMPOSIUM TICKETS

AVAILABLE ONLY from YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

PERMIT ENTRY TO THE AIR DISPLAY BOTH DAYS

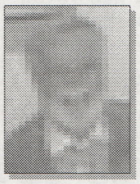
and

SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY NIGHT

(SEE PAGE 10)

Arrival day tickets Friday Aug 5th $10 - available at east WR access only
Watch the planes arrive NO ACCESS TO THE RAMP!

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT?
NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?



Don Brackett is our Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Don to see how your unique talents and skills can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

(248) 425-2855
donb-38@sbcglobal.net

If you have a job to be done, Don suggests that you write up a brief description of what you need done, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

Don will match a volunteer to the job!

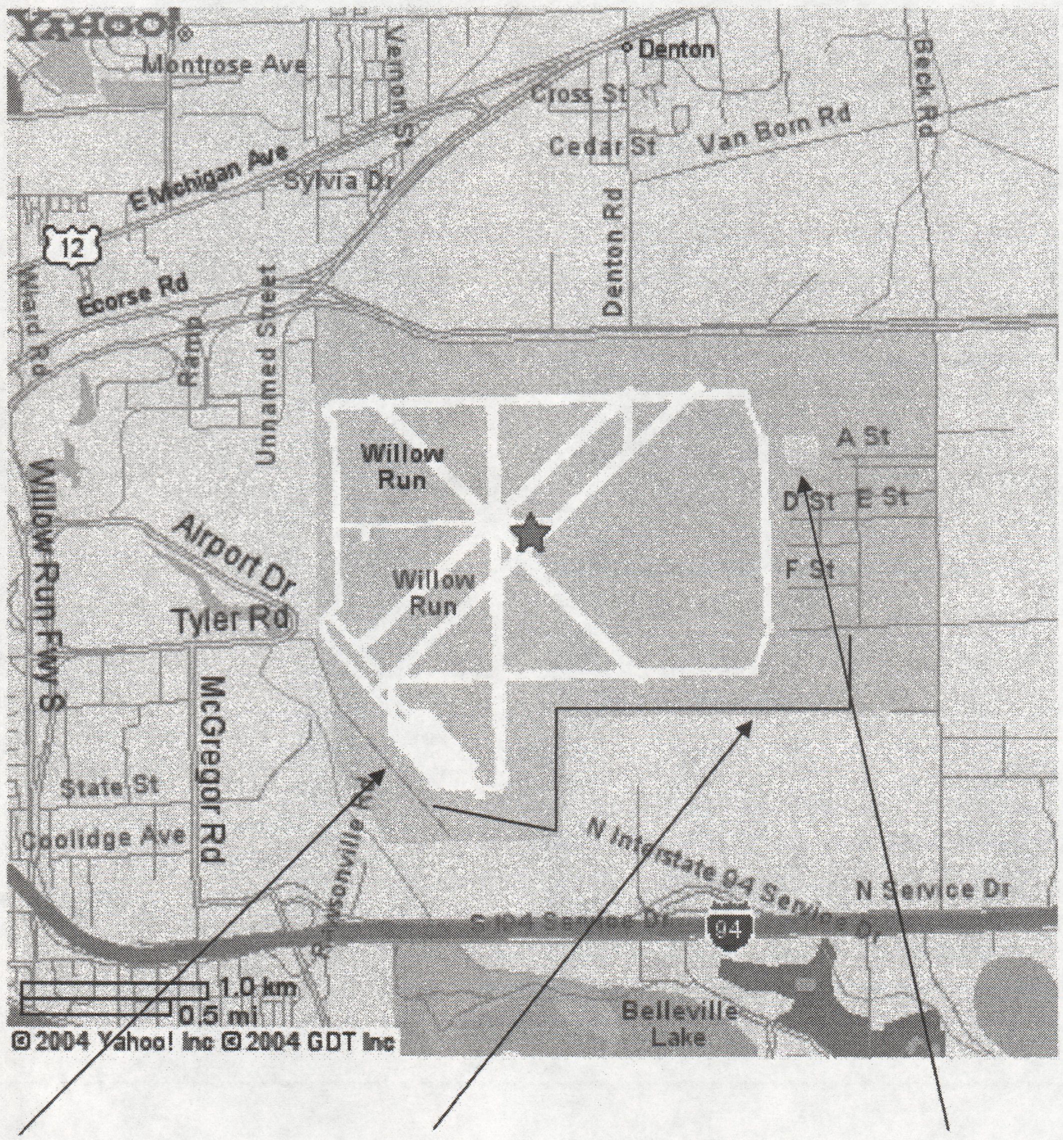
HANGAR HAPPENIN'S HELP NEEDED

If you have a talent for electronic publishing or graphics/ layout, or are willing to learn, ***Hangar Happenin's*** needs your help. MicroSoft™ Publisher is used to layout HH and it is really quite easy to understand and fun to use once you get the hang of it. Expect to do some writing and be able to handle a bit of proof reading as well. Someone who likes layout work can be very imaginative and enjoy making HH look fresh every issue. Figure on spending 4-8 hours some weeks, but not every week. Doing some work at home is certainly possible as well. Call Dave Steiner at (800) 874-8660 or email dsteiner@blackmoreco.com to find out more. Join the fun at HH, a key part of ***your*** Yankee Air Museum

Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Hangar 2

You may get more detailed instructions about getting to Willow Run Airport at its web site, www.willowrunairport.com then click on "directions" for a complete Yahoo map layout.

Yankee Air Museum planes and offices are now in Hangar 2 on the southwest side of the airport. The Yankee Air Museum entrance is near the middle of this very large building. You may take a road from the old Hangar site around the south side of the airport directly to H-2, or come in from the west side (US-12) following the signs to the west/south airport access. The Rawsonville Rd exit (#187) off I-94 may also be used. Go north to Williams, turn west and follow that to McGregor Rd, go north to Tyler Rd, turn east and follow until you see the signs showing airport west access to Hangar 2, follow the fence line to H-2



Hangar 2 Road from east to west side Old Hangar

Gift shop open limited hours for sales to members

If you wish to purchase new Yankee clothing items, the gift shop will be open 12-3pm Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for members only. Hangar 2, as an active FBO, is still off limits to the general public walk ins. If possible call ahead as there may be times when the store will not be staffed during the stated times. Call (734) 483-4030 and ask if Gary or Dale have the store open for business.

BIG SCREEN TV NEEDED

The Events Planning Committee is seeking the donation of, or a really good deal on a 60" projection TV that can be used for the Yankee movie nights returning this fall and winter. If you know where we might get one, please contact Randy Hotton or Dave Steiner by calling the Yankee desk (734) 483-4030 and leaving your name and number.

YANKEE MOVIE NIGHTS RETURN IN OCTOBER!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The **Michigan Aerospace Foundation**, in conjunction with the **Yankee Air Museum**, will be holding a news conference on Friday, April 22, 2005, to unveil the plans to rebuild and expand the original Yankee Air Museum which was destroyed by fire in October, 2004.

The Foundation will also be launching its 15-Year Major Donor Capital Campaign with the ultimate goal of raising approximately $55,000,000 to fund this exciting project to rebuild this historical treasure.

WHO: Dennis Norton, President Michigan Aerospace Foundation
Jon Stevens, President Yankee Air Museum
Fred Gore, URS Architects
Lester Robinson, CEO, Wayne County Airport Authority

WHAT: Unveiling of drawings of Yankee Air Museum's new facility
Kickoff of the Major Donor Capital Campaign

WHERE: Willow Run Airport – Hangar 2 on west side of airport
(see map attached)

WHEN: Friday, April 22, 2005 at 11:00 am

PHOTO OPS:
- Large colorful drawings of the new museum Concept Plan.
- Flight demonstration of the magnificently restored B-17 Flying Fortress – weather permitting.
- B-25, B-17 and C-47 on ground display.

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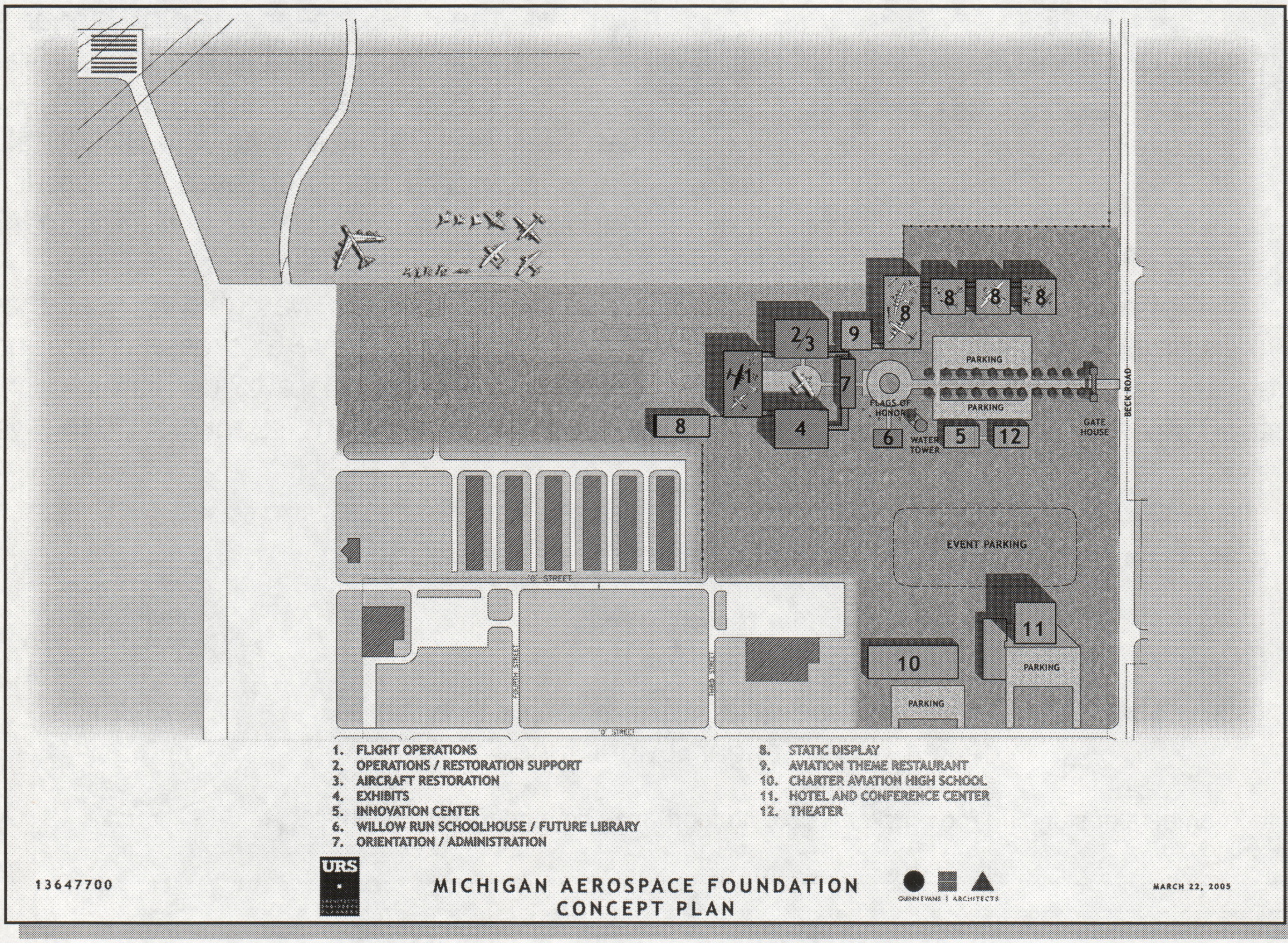

Museum expansion concept unveiled

In a news conference held April 22nd at Hangar 2, Willow Run Airport, the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, in conjunction with Yankee Air Museum and the Wayne County Airport Authority announced a concept plan that will be the basis for building the new museum complex. See details in the press release at left. The news conference generated a great deal of publicity and "buzz" about the new museum, with several interviews and follow up stories requested.

The concept plan above was shown to the press to help illustrate what sort of "footprint" the new Yankee Air Museum complex will establish on the northeast corner of the airport. No final plans for buildings are shown, as none yet exist, rather representational boxes show where buildings could be placed and their expected uses. MAF, the airport authority, YAM and URS Architects have worked closely together to formulate this plan. Its approval was necessary in order for Yankee to proceed with plans for the new museum complex. Now the campaign of raising large sums of money can begin and more in depth plans may be undertaken.

Part of that effort will be a capital campaign directed by the Yankee Air Museum board, and aimed at Yankee Air Force members to establish a base of support and demonstrate we are serious about raising the money to build a new museum, but we need help from outside sources too. One thing large donors look for is a strong, committed membership, financially and otherwise. So, whether you can give $5, $10 or $100+ or more dollars a month or a year, we need your support.

More on the Vietnam Wall appearing at Yankee Air Museum June 3-5

THE WALL

The 80%-scale Wall that will be displayed in front of the B-52 near our old Hangar site is the largest Wall replica in the United States and has never been to southeast Michigan before. It is 380 feet long and 8 feet tall at the apex. It is operated by a non-profit organization, *The Traveling Wall Foundation*, based in Mt. Vernon, Washington. More information on the web, **www.avtt.org.**

General Robin Olds who is speaking at the symposium was glad to hear that it would be a "flight suit" dinner. He said he was happy to not have to dress up in a monkey suit. General Olds will walk amongst the attendees and relate to us his air combat experiences in WWII and Vietnam. Don't miss this excellent speaker! Bring your friends.

Call **(734) 483-4030** for **VIETNAM SYMPOSIUM ticket availability**
(phone charge only)
June 4th 5 pm near the old Hangar

PROCEEDS BENEFIT YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Tickets— **$50** each Tickets will be held at the door, or may be picked up at Hangar 2 until June 2

Limited numbers of standing room tickets ($20, no food) may be made available after Memorial Day

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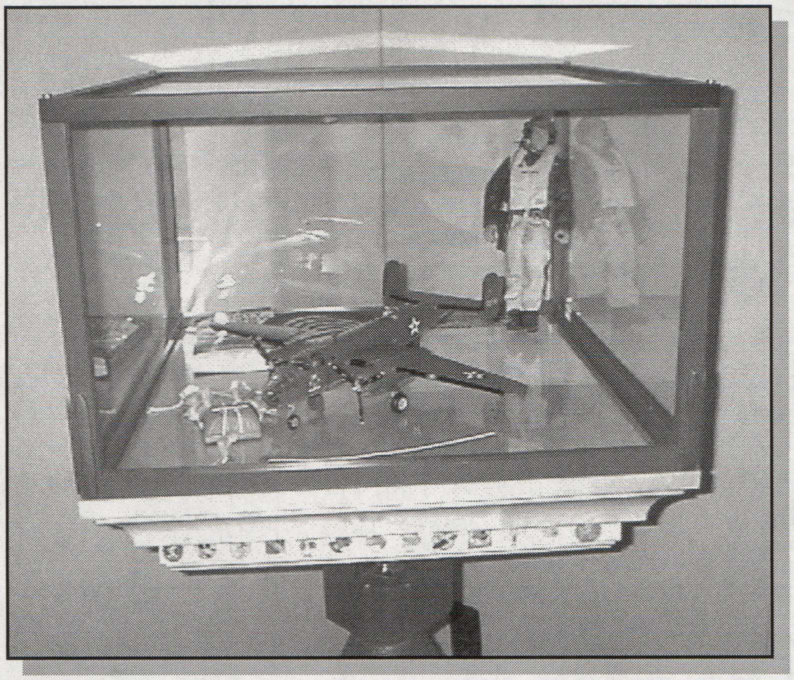


B-25 Display case beautifully crafted

Yankee member **Ken Chapin** started on this display case October 9, 2004, the evening of the museum conflagration. Ken donated it to the museum collection April 2nd as part of the polishing party. It features "Ruptured Duck", the B-25 flown off the deck of the USS Hornet by Ted Lawson, author of "*Thirty Seconds over Tokyo*". The raid was led by Jimmy Doolittle on April 18, 1942. This may be the first of many new displays for the new museum.

Thanks Ken, and excellent work!

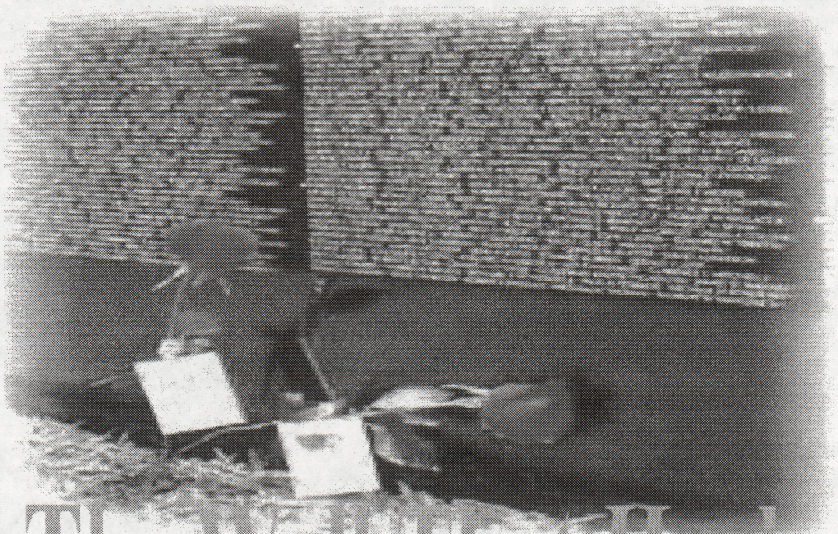
Honoring Vietnam Veterans
All Our Armed Forces

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

proudly presents

The Traveling

VIETNAM WALL



The Wall That Heals

Hosted by: Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth / Canton chapter 528

Opening Ceremony June 3rd, 2005 6:00pm

Honor Guard – F-16 Flyover – Veteran's Remarks

Willow Run Airport

Free Display 24 hrs/day

Ecorse at Beck Road

Closing Ceremony June 5th, 6:00pm

Honor Guard – Bag Piper – Taps

Brig Gen Robin Olds
CO - 8th TFW

June 4th, 2005 - 5:00 pm

Symposium & Dinner

4 MiGs/Vietnam
WW II Ace

Limited Seating – $50.00 each

Advance Tickets Only* **Call YAM @ 734-483-4030**

Send Checks to YAM-Vietnam Symposium, PO Box 590, Belleville, Mi. 48112-0590

*Proceeds to Benefit Yankee Air Museum www.yankeeairmuseum.org

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CIRCLE THE PRICE OF THE ITEM THAT YOU WANT TO ORDER

Round emblem is 4 inches in diameter and is embroidered on the left chest. Wing emblem measures 4 by 10 inches and is embroidered on the back. To see the designs in color go to *yankeeairmuseum.org* and click on *Yankee Store.*

EMBROIDERED NEW HANGAR FUND DONATION JACKET **$139.00** **$147.34 Michigan residents**
Black lightweight jacket is ideal to wear during the spring or fall. Three pockets are provided as well as adjustable cuffs. An elasticized waistband ensures a snug fit. Five bright colors are embroidered on the front and back.

EMBROIDERED NEW HANGAR FUND DONATION SWEATSHIRT **$69.00** **$73.14 Michigan residents**
Black heavyweight sweatshirt has long sleeves and crew neck. Embroidered on the front and back.

EMBROIDERED DENIM SHIRT **$42.00** **$44.52 Michigan residents**
Can be ordered with long or short sleeves. 100% cotton with button down collar and single pocket. You select the logo that you want embroidered on the left front chest.

EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT **$29.00** **$30.74 Michigan residents**
100% cotton shirt has knit collar, single pocket and wood-tone buttons. You select the logo that you want embroidered on the left chest. Can be ordered in red or navy blue.

EMBROIDERED LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET **$89.00** **$94.34 Michigan residents**
Microfiber jacket has two pockets on the outside and one inside. Sleeves can be adjusted with snaps and the waistband is elasticized. You decide which logo you want embroidered on the left chest. Can be ordered in tan or navy blue.

EMBROIDERED MEMBER HAT **$25.00** **$26.50 Michigan residents**
Our navy blue baseball style cap is a great way to show your pride in being a member. Can be adjusted to any size. *Yankee Air Force* and *Member* are embroidered on the front.

EMBROIDERED B-17 AND B-25 FLIGHT EXPERIENCE HATS **$25.00** **$26.50 Michigan residents**
Baseball style caps are embroidered with the designs shown below. The words *Flight Experience* are embroidered on the left side of both hats. Metal clasp allows size adjustment. B-17 hat is navy blue and the B-25 hat is olive green.

FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW

CIRCLE the design that you want embroidered on your shirt or lightweight jacket:

CIRCLE the size of shirt or jacket you want to order: Men's Medium Men's Large Men's XL Men's 2XL

CIRCLE the polo shirt color you want: Red or Navy Blue **CIRCLE the lightweight jacket color :** Tan or Navy Blue

CIRCLE the denim shirt sleeve length: Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve **CIRCLE** B-17 hat or B-25 hat

Please make your check payable to: **YANKEE AIR MUSUEM.** If you have questions about your order, call (248) 474-1000 or e-mail amersilk2@aol.com. Allow 3 to 4 weeks for free delivery.

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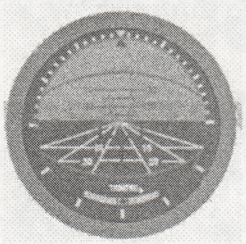

ON THE HORIZON

AIR PARK
East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR
Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

www.yankeeairmuseum.org

JUNE 2005

THE WALL

Friday - Sunday June 3rd - 5th — **Vietnam Veterans Touring Tribute** ***The Wall*** — **FREE !**
Opening Ceremony Friday 6 PM - Closing Ceremony Sunday 6 PM

Saturday June 4th — **Vietnam Dinner & Symposium** — **$ 50**
Brigadier General **Robin Olds** USAF (Ret.) ***Not to be missed!***

Sunday June 5th — **Bugles Across America** Recite our Pledge and hear TAPS — **FREE !**
7:15 PM at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville overlooking the lake

Saturday June 11th — **Wurtsmith Division's** ***Dick DeYoung Memorial Golf Outing*** — **$ 75**
9:30 AM Springport Hills Golf Club (989) 362-5740
Details page 7

Saturday June 11th — **American Aviation Historical Society** 7 PM Hangar 2 — **FREE !**
featuring Yankee member **Kim Wahtera** USMC EA-6A ECM pilot in Vietnam
Kim has 100+ slides to show about his experiences flying from DaNang
(Talk to Kim in front of the Intruder he flew during the Vietnam Wall weekend June 3-5)

THROUGH THE SUMMER AND INTO THE FALL

Monday-Sunday July 25th-July 31st — NEW DAYS! *(Not Tuesday-Monday as years past)*
EAA *AirVenture* 2005 Oshkosh, Wisconsin

THUNDER VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP JUNE 25TH

Saturday-Sunday August 6th-7th — ***Thunder Over Michigan***
60th Anniversary of the End of World War II

Wednesday September 7th — Yankee ***GOLF WAR*** scramble fundraiser
see page 7 for details

Sept TBA — Volunteer appreciation day

Saturday October 15th — YANKEE movie nights resume!

PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS **(734) 483-4030**. WATCH FOR UPDATES AT **www.yankeeairmuseum.org**.

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

8-11am - PANCAKE BREAKFAST (16+ $5, children $3)
Color Guard Ceremony 12 o'clock
T-6 flyover missing man formation
Member of Tuskegee Airmen in attendance

Famous YANKEE HOT DOGS served noon to 4pm
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